CLAIMS

- 1. A business context layer for an operating system.
- 2. The layer of claim 1 where the operating system is a web services platform.
- 3. The layer of claim 1 where the operating system is a network operating system.
- 4. The layer of claim 1 where the operating system is a portal.
- The layer of claim 1 where the operating system is a hardware operating system.
- 6. The layer of claim 1 where the operating system is middleware.
- 7. The layer of claim 1 where business context layer contains information defining the entire market value matrix package for a multi-enterprise organization.
- 8. The layer of claim 1 where the business context layer contains information defining a subset of the market value matrix package for a multi-enterprise organization.
- 9. The layer of claim 1 where business context layer contains information defining the entire market value matrix package for an enterprise.
- 10. The layer of claim 1 where the business context layer contains information defining a subset of the market value matrix package for an enterprise.
- 11. The layer of claim 1 where the business context layer contains information for more than one frame.
- 12. The layer of claim 1 where the business context layer contains the market value matrix package information and additional information such as supply chain status, customer order status or development status required for analysis and decision making for the designated frame.
- 13. The layer of claim 1 where authorized users obtain the business context information via a secure network.

- 14. The layer of claim 1 where authorized users that can not process the business context information are provided with an applet to help them tag their system information for processing by a Value Map™ System.
- 15. A computer-system for propagating a business context layer, comprising; means for obtaining the market value matrix package for a commercial enterprise; means for encrypting the market value matrix and related information; means for securely providing the encrypted information to authorized users via a business context operating system layer.
- 16. The system of claim 15 that uses the IPSEC security protocol.
- 17. The system of claim 15 that uses the Kerberos security protocol.
- 18. The system of claim 15 that operates continuously.
- 19. The layer of claim 15 where the market value matrix package information is distributed via one or more other layers.
- 20. A web services platform that contains a business context layer.